

Adiel Akplogan

Adiel A. Akplogan is Vice-President for Technical engagement at ICANN. With more than 25 years experience in the ICT industry (15 specifically in the Internet Technology Industry), Adiel has previously worked as CEO for AFRINIC (The African Network Information Centre), IT Director for Symbol Technology/Motorola in France (2001-2003) and Director of New Technology at CAFÉ Informatique in Togo (1994-2000). Recognized as one of the Internet Technology pioneers in Africa, he has contributed to technical capacity building and actual deployment of some of the first private ISPs in Africa from 1996-1999.

During his career, Adiel has served as volunteer in Boards and Advisory Committees of many global & international organizations such as the UN Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (IGF-MAG from 2006-2009), the Technical Advisory Committee of the United Nation Economic Commission for Africa (ATAC/UNECA from 2005- 2006), the Executive Council of the Number Resource Organization (NRO – 2005-2015 as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer), the ICANN's Strategic Panel on its role in the Internet Governance ecosystem, the Africa Union's AXIS program Steering Committee (2012-2015), the Africa Network Operators Group and the Africa Internet Summit's Administration and Program committee (AFNOG/AIS – 2000-2015) and the OIF (Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie) Expert Group on Internet Governance (since 1999).

With a strong passion for Internet technology and its impact on human development, he has also actively contributed to the setup of several technical coordination bodies in Africa such as the African Network Operators Group (AfNOG), The Africa Network Information Centre (AFRINIC) which he has lead for the past 10 years, the African ccTLD Managers Association (AfTLD), AfricaCERT, Africa Internet Summit (AIS), etc ...

He has contributed and written several articles on Internet and IT among which: Network protocol Integration (case of Novell SPX/IPX Network and IBM/AS400 using TCP/IP) -10/1994; Internet Technology a short way to development in Africa (10/1996); Internet Security in a corporate environment a continuous process (02/1998); Intranet/Internet a pair for an efficient management of Information in Africa business environment (04/1999); How not to be a spam relay: efficient configuration of Sendmail (May 2000); Wireless architecture a solution for inadequacy of African legacy telecommunication Infrastructure (June 2000); Network Operation Centre: Key component of an efficient Internet Network Service (2001); Internet Governance, the fact (UN/ECA,2002); IPv6: an E-business opportunity. (2003); The Power of Ideas: Internet Governance in a Global MultiStakeholder Environment - The Internationalization of Internet Resource Management: An African Perspective (2007), Tell me the future (the Guardian - December 3, 2007, co-authored with Vint Cerf), Protect the Internet Future in Africa (e-Strategy Africa & ITU Journal March-April 2009) and many more ...

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